

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

GENERAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Marshall of the District of Columbia—Caucus of Republican Representatives—The Debt Statement, &c.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, December 2.—The President has appointed Albert A. Wilson, of Washington, to be marshal of the District of Columbia. Mr. Wilson is president of the Fireman's Insurance Company, vice-president of the Metropolitan Railway Company, of Washington, and director of the National Bank of the Republic. The President being convinced that the people of the District of Columbia are entitled to the entire time and attention of this officer in the performance of the duties pertaining to the marshalship, has determined to relieve the office of the usual and social functions that have in late years attended it, and Mr. Wilson will not be called upon to perform such service.

On the day following the inauguration of President Cleveland, Clayton McMichael, marshal of the District of Columbia, presented his written resignation of that office. Since that time McMichael has made repeated requests to be relieved at the earliest convenience of the Executive. To-day the President addressed to the marshal the following autograph letter, with permission to make it public:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2, 1888.

My Dear Sir, I have this day determined to appoint as your successor in the office of marshal of the District of Columbia Mr. Albert A. Wilson, of this city. I have every assurance that you will continue in the legitimate and official functions of the office the same clean methods and admirable system which you have maintained. I bespeak for him the consideration and kindness which you have expressed yourself as willing and anxious to do for your successor. It is a satisfaction to assure you that your discharge of official duty has been all that could be desired, and that your thoughtfulness in suggesting and ability in executing measures for my personal comfort and pleasure are fully appreciated, and will be pleasantly remembered. I thank you, too, for your willingness to continue in the discharge of your duties beyond the time when you desired to retire at my solicitation and for my ease and convenience. In permitting you, at your own request, now to be relieved of the duties of your official place, I desire to express the hope that success and prosperity may attend all your undertakings, and that comfort may wait upon all your future way of life. Yours, very sincerely,

GROVER CLEVELAND.
CAUCUS OF REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVES.
WASHINGTON, December 2.—A caucus of Republican members of the House of Representatives will be held in the hall of the House on Saturday the 3d instant at 3 P. M., for the nomination of a candidate for Speaker and other officers of the House, and such other business as may be presented.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.
WASHINGTON, December 2.—The debt statement issued to-day shows the increase of the public debt during the month of November to be \$4,887,108.47; total cash in the Treasury, \$488,657,102.67; gold certificates outstanding, \$105,554,092; silver certificates outstanding, \$20,702,602; refunding certificates outstanding, \$221,740; old demand and interest-bearing notes outstanding, \$436,738,806; fractional currency, not including the amount estimated as lost or destroyed, \$6,959,574.92.

RETURNED TO WASHINGTON.
WASHINGTON, December 2.—The Baltimore and Ohio special train which conveyed Secretaries Bayard, Lamar, and Whitney, and Postmaster-General Vilas to Indianapolis reached here on the return trip at 3:30 o'clock to-day. Each member of the party individually expressed gratification with the complete arrangements for the safety and comfort of the travellers. It was utterly impossible to convince the crowd which had gathered at many points along the route that President Cleveland was not on board. The impression that the President was on board also prevailed among the masses in Indianapolis. Upon arrival in Washington Colonel John M. Wilson, of the United States army, went directly to the Executive Mansion and reported to the President the great success of the arrangements planned for his trip to the Vice-President's funeral, and also delivered Mrs. Hendricks's kind acknowledgments of the President's autograph letter and of the message and flowers sent her by Miss Cleveland. With the exception of Secretary Whitney, who took the Congressional Express for New York, the members of the Cabinet proceeded to their respective homes.

THE SPECIAL TRAIN OVER THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD WHICH CARRIED TO THE FUNERAL OF VICE-PRESIDENT HENDRICKS JUSTICES BLATCHFORD AND MATTHEWS, OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND THE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE, REACHED WASHINGTON ON THE RETURN TRIP AT 5:45 THIS EVENING—ALL WELL.

SENATORS PALMER AND HARRISON AND REPRESENTATIVES BLAND, WATSON, JOHNSON, HISCOCK, COBB, TOWNSEND, LOWERY, AND GEDDES RETURNED WITH THE PARTY.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS SATURDAY.

WASHINGTON, December 2.—A caucus of Democratic representatives will be held in the hall of the House of Representatives on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock to select candidates for the various offices under the House.

SENATOR SHERMAN WILL PRESIDE AT THE REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL CAUCUS ON FRIDAY.

POSTMASTERS.

WASHINGTON, December 2.—The following fourth-class postmasters have been appointed: Virginia—Jenkins's Bridge, Samuel B. White. North Carolina—Ayersville, T. L. Taylor; Concord, Frank L. Matthews; Carriersville, Miss Ellen F. Harris; Mission, R. A. Almond; Nat Morris, Andrew J. Squires.

REDUCTION IN FREIGHT RATES.

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NEW YORK, December 2.—The Anglo-American, the Direct United States, and the French and American Cable Companies, which form the cable pool, have made full-rate rates, beginning to-day, 20 cents per word and deferred press rate 10 cents per word, as against 25 cents and 12 cents heretofore.

The management of the pool in London and the Western Union Company received notice to-day of the reduction.

A FRAGRANT DEATH.

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LITTLE ROCK, ARK., December 2.—W. F. McGinnis, an employee of the St. Louis M. & S. railroad, employed as a machinist in the road's shops at Argenta, was sent to Camden, Tenn., to repair a locomotive. He had completed the work, and the engineers had

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Polish Catholics Resist the Deposition of Their Pastor.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

DETROIT, Mich., December 2.—The trouble at St. Albert's Catholic church was resumed this morning. When Fathers Dombrowski and Jaworski, the newly-appointed pastors, attempted to read the morning mass, a crowd of a thousand Polish women and a number of men were in the church, and the services were interrupted by yells and the brandishing of lists, and a number of women tried to get at the altar to remove the priests. Police-men were stationed at the heads of the aisles and prevented any access to the altar. One woman climbed over the pews and succeeded in getting within the sanctuary, where she prayed and yelled by turns in Polish. Father Jaworski came forward to speak to the people, but eager hands clutched him and tore his habit off. At this time there were thirty policemen in and about the edifice, and the conflicts between them and the people were many. Fathers D